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**ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIVINCENZO AND ESSEX COUNTY SHERIFF
FONTOURA ENACT CODE BLUE PROCEDURES TO PROVIDE HOMELESS WITH
SHELTER DURING EXTREME WINTER WEATHER**
List of Sites Available on NJ211.org or by Calling 2-1-1

Essex County, NJ – On Thursday, February 5th, Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. and Essex County Sheriff Armando Fontoura announced the Essex County's Code Blue procedures are being activated because extreme cold weather in the forecast. The Code Blue will be in effect starting Thursday, February 5th at 4 p.m. to Saturday, February 7th at 9 a.m.

"Providing our homeless residents with a warm place to stay during extreme weather conditions is important for their safety and well-being. We thank our participating shelters and warming stations who are working with us to open their doors in these times of need," DiVincenzo said.

Conditions for a Code Blue are defined as when the temperature drops below 15 degrees for a 48-hour period or when the wind chill is below 0 degrees. When those conditions are met, or when the weather forecast predicts these conditions, the County Executive can proclaim a Code Blue and enact the procedure.

When a Code Blue is declared, a network of warming stations operated by the County and its municipalities and shelters operated by the community based organizations will be opened. The warming stations identified include Essex County Codey Arena and a variety of public libraries, senior centers, civic and community centers, school buildings, houses of worship, firehouses and first aid squad buildings. Warming stations are generally opened during the day and may not provide overnight accommodations. Shelters do provide overnight accommodations. In addition, shelters that regularly require occupants to leave during the day will suspend that practice so people can stay indoors.

A list of available warming stations and shelters is available on www.NJ211.org and available by dialing 2-1-1.

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Essex County Code Blue Shelters and Warming Centers

FACILITY NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	CB-SPECIFIC POPULATION	ADDITIONAL SERVICES	Contact #
Apostle House	16-18 Grant Street	Newark	Women and Children Only		973-482-8865
Catholic Charities-St. Rocco's	366-368 So. 7th Street	Newark	1 Woman/4 Children (max)		973-286-4175 & 973-286-4176
Catholic Charities-St. Bridget's	404 University Avenue	Newark	Single Men		973-799-0484
Circle of Life	55 Tillinghast Street	Newark	Single Men and Women		862-763-4859
Covenant House	330 Washington Street	Newark	18-21yrs. old (singles; no fam.)	Case Management	973-621-8705 (press 0)
Essex County LGBT RAIN Foundation	186 Park Street	East Orange	18-26yrs. Old (single M/F LGBT pop.)		732-707-7246
Fairmont Shelter	202 Fairmont Avenue	Newark	Single Men and Women		973-643-7705
FP YouthOutcry/The Hubb	135 Prince Street	Newark	Singles (M/F) and Families	Hours of Operation: 8pm-8am Only	973-732-4690
Newark YMCA	600 Broad Street	Newark	Fam (3-4 max); Singles (M or F)	Case Management	973-624-8900 (call to confirm space)
Redeem Us Essex Drop-In	595 South 10th Street	Newark	Singles (M/F) and Families	Warming Center Only	844-235-9276
United Community Corporation	31 Fulton Street	Newark	Singles (M/F) and Families	Warming Center Only (7am-5pm)	973-621-8295
Urban Renewal Corp	689 So. 16th Street	Newark	Single Men and Women	Case Mgmt;Shelter	973-371-1980